

CHAPTER 268

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

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268.1 Official designation.

The state university at Cedar Falls shall be officially designated and known as the “*University of Northern Iowa*”.

[C97, §2675; S13, §2675; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §4063; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §268.1]

268.2 Courses offered and responsibility of university.

The university shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses of instruction, conduct research and provide extension and other public services in areas of its competence to facilitate the social, cultural and economic development of Iowa. Its primary responsibility shall be to prepare teachers and other educational personnel for schools, colleges, and universities and to carry out research and provide consultative and other services for the improvement of education throughout the state. In addition, it shall conduct programs of instruction, research and service in the liberal and vocational arts and sciences and offer such other educational programs as the state board of regents may from time to time approve.

[C97, §2677; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §4064; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §268.2]

268.3 Interest earnings.

If the interest earned on moneys accumulated by campus organizations at the university of northern Iowa is not available for expenditure by those respective campus organizations, the university of northern Iowa shall allocate that interest to campus improvements that are of benefit to students and have been accepted by the student government or to the student financial aid office to be used for the work-study program.

89 Acts, ch 319, §73

268.4 Iowa waste reduction center for the safe and economic management of solid waste and hazardous substances.

1. The Iowa waste reduction center for the safe and economic management of solid waste and hazardous substances is established at the university of northern Iowa. The university of northern Iowa, in cooperation with the department of natural resources, shall develop and implement a program which provides the following:

a. Information regarding the safe use and economic management of solid waste and hazardous substances to small businesses which generate the substances.

b. Dissemination of information to public and private agencies regarding state and federal solid waste and hazardous substances regulations, and assistance in achieving compliance with the regulations.

c. Advice and consultation in the proper storage, handling, treatment, reuse, recycling, and disposal methods of solid waste and hazardous substances.

d. Identification of the advantages of proper substance management relative to liability and operational costs of a particular small business.

e. Assistance in the providing of capital formation in order to comply with state and federal regulations.

2. a. An advisory committee to the center is established, consisting of a representative of each of the following organizations:

- (1) The Iowa department of economic development.
- (2) The small business development commission.
- (3) The university of northern Iowa.
- (4) The state university of Iowa.
- (5) Iowa state university of science and technology.
- (6) The department of natural resources.

b. The active participation of representatives of small businesses in the state shall also be sought and encouraged.

3. Information obtained or compiled by the center shall be disseminated directly to the Iowa department of economic development, the small business development centers, and other public and private agencies with interest in the safe and economic management of solid waste and hazardous substances.

4. The center may solicit, accept, and administer moneys appropriated to the center by a public or private agency.

5. This section does not do any of the following:

a. Relieve a person receiving assistance under this section of any duties or liabilities otherwise created or imposed upon the person by law.

b. Transfer to the state, the university of northern Iowa, or an employee of the state or the university, a duty or liability otherwise imposed by law on a person receiving assistance under this section.

c. Create a liability to the state, the university of northern Iowa, or an employee of the state or the university for an act or omission arising from the providing of assistance or advice in cleaning up, handling, or disposal of hazardous waste. However, an individual may be liable if the act or omission results from intentional wrongdoing or gross negligence.

87 Acts, ch 225, §403; 89 Acts, ch 77, §1

268.5 Iowa academy of science appropriation limitations.

The university shall use no more than twenty percent of the funds allocated to the university for the Iowa academy of science for administrative purposes for the Iowa academy of science or for publication of the Iowa academy of science journal. The university shall expend the remainder of the moneys appropriated for research projects and studies awarded by the Iowa academy of science. The Iowa academy of science shall permit all grant recipients to publish the results of the recipients' research projects and studies in the Iowa academy of science journal at no cost to the grant recipient.

91 Acts, ch 267, §238

268.6 Agriculture energy efficiency education program.

The university of northern Iowa shall, to the extent required in this section, establish and administer an agriculture energy efficiency education program to assist agricultural producers to increase profitability and reduce the amount of energy used in the production of agricultural animals and crops.

1. If established, the university shall administer the program to promote strategies or methods that the university determines best foster the most efficient use of fuel and electricity, and which may include but are not limited to any of the following:

a. Minimizing the consumption of fuel due to the idling of farm equipment.

b. Increasing fuel savings, by promoting the use of efficient planting and harvest travel patterns.

c. Optimizing the performance of farm equipment, including by the proper ballasting of tractors.

d. Designing, constructing, or remodeling agricultural buildings to be more efficient, including by using systems that incorporate natural lighting and passive solar or passive cooling materials or principles such as exposure, ventilation, and shade.

2. The university is encouraged to cooperate with agricultural and energy efficiency

advocates and governmental entities in administering the program, including the office of energy independence established pursuant to section 469.2.

3. The university is not required to implement this section until moneys are made available for implementation by the federal government.

2009 Acts, ch 175, §21

[SP] For future repeal of this section, effective July 1, 2012, if the university does not implement this section and notifies the Code editor in writing, see 2009 Acts, ch 175, §24